

Belle Isle June 12th 1774
to June the 24th —

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My very good Sir

I have waited impatiently for something eventual, something to turn up interesting, before I did my self the pleasure of enquiring after your health by this scrawl. — I am still at H.^d Quarters as the four Reg.^{ts} are not yet arr.^d at Boston where they are to encamp, having brought their Camp Equipage, however it is signified to me to set off ~~for~~ that great & wonderful Town of Prodigies, & so purpose proceeding in three or four days, & so to Salem which is fix'd on for H.^d Quarters until matters are accommodated to the satisfaction of Great Britain. — The publick Prints periodically furnish you with the Political Proceedings of this place; the Philadelphians have requested that our committee would get observed as a Solemn Fast the 1st June they it seems threw it upon the Clergy, who not being over fond of slender Diets, have set it aside. —

Col. Robertson, Mallet, Small &c. are by this at Boston; Gamble

Monierief & leave this in a few Days. Monierief being married again has set his Journey aside - Gamble recd a letter from Gen. Gage intimating that he would be wanted, but Gen. Haldimand has laid an embargo on him until it is intimated to him.

The Committee here of 51 & their Hon. the mobility had a violent contest respecting the Proceeding of Officers - a coalition of parties took place so all is perfectly quiet here.

I have a letter from Major Sherriff, the 43. & 1st. he has succeeded on the Common - The best hourly expected - Hancock the Champion of Liberty is given over, this last manoeuvre has proved his Coup de Grace -

On my arrival from Philadelphia where I have been ~~some~~ the first date of this letter - I found letters ~~un-~~ happily importing the Loss of my dear Brother Harry in the Trenches before Tanjour. he has left two Infants a Boy & a Girl to whom I am appointed Guardian by his will which I expect in next Packet -

It is thought Gen. Gage will not leave Salem this winter I set off for H^l Quarters tomorrow evening by an order I've just recd. from Gen. Haldimand - and am shipping off 20 Ton of Sundry my Tools - Sherriff writes me word the Grand Stroke of Politics will be about ten days when the 2 other Acts appear One is the Altering of their Charter - Adieu my very good Friend & Gent you a happy recovery to your late Indisposition & am most sincerely

Yours - Montresor

General Bradstreet

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